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11 and the cover fleece 20 can each extend over the whole surfaces of the foam panels 7,8.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, at line 7 with the following paragraph:

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The front 13 of the lower foam panel 7 is connected to an intermediate layer 5 consisting of a cushioning layer 22 and a connection layer 21 via the reinforcing mat 11 and the cover fleece 20. The connection layer 21 is arranged on cushioning-layer back 14, which faces the lower form panel 7. The cushioning layer 22 is formed of a flexible soft foam layer 16 and the cushioning-layer side facing an occupant cell of the vehicle is provided with a decorative layer 3 consisting e.g. of a decorative material and forming a suitable facing 4. The intermediate layer 5 may also be applied only to subareas of the front 13, according to requirements. The back of the interior lining component 1, which faces the vehicle roof, may optionally have applied thereto a barrier layer 23.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, at line 16 with the following paragraph:

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The various adhesive or connection layers 15,21 are e.g. polyurethane adhesive layers. When the interior lining component 1 is pressed in one-step technology, the respective adhesive will penetrate through the reinforcing mats 11 into the cover fleeces 20 and also into the foam panels 7,8 and, after curing, it will form the firm composite.

In The Claims

Please replace claims 1, 5, 6, 7, 11, 17, and 19-23 as shown below. A marked up version of the amended claims is attached to this Amendment.

1. (Amended) An interior lining component (1) for a vehicle comprising at least one decorative layer (3) forming a facing (4) of the interior lining component (1), an intermediate layer (5) covered by said decorative layer (3), and at least one support layer (6); characterized in that the support layer (6) comprises at least one lower (7) and one upper (8) foam panel which are interconnected by pressing.

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